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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SEYCHELLES INTEREST IN HELICOPTERS

USDOC

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DEPT. AF/E. ALSO FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL

1. CHARGE MET WITH MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO ROBERT DELORIE OCT. 7 TO CONTINUE EXPLORE SIGNIFICANT TRADE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED BY POSSIBLE SEYCHELLES' INTEREST IN HELICOPTERS FOR INTER-ISLAND TOURIST TRAFFIC. DELORIE APOLOGIZED FOR HIS INABILITY RETURN TO VICTORIA FROM BIRD ISLAND FOR SCHEDULED MEETING WITH KENNETH JOY OF UNITED TECHNOLOGIES AND REITERATED STRONG GOS INTEREST IN PURSUING CONSIDERATION OF HELICOPTER OPTION. HE STATED PRIME MINISTER RENE HAS BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON SUBJECT AND IS "VERY ENTHUSIASTIC." DELORIE SAID HE WOULD ACCOMPANY RENE AND GOS CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER ON OCT. 10/20 COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY TRIP OF MOST OF SEYCHELLES' ISLANDS AND WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MR. JOY UPON HIS RETURN. MEANWHILE, GOS TEAM WOULD DEFINE FURTHER THEIR ANTICIPATED HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS DURING VISIT TO ISLANDS. CHARGE MENTIONED INTEREST OF BELL HELICOPTERS AND DELORIE SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ALSO MEET WITH MR. FRED WILCOX.

2. FOR NAIROBI: REQUEST YOU INFORM JOY AND WILCOX SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION WITH DELORIE. FOLLOW-UP MEETING
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SCHEDULED WITH DELORIE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. WILL ADVISE

ON APPOINTMENTS FOR HELICOPTER REPS WITH GOS OFFICIALS AFTER
DELORIE'S RETURN.

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